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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL MILITARY TRAVEL

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. AN OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR TRAVEL OF THREE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY ANALYSTS (MILITARY OFFICERS) TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO INCLUDE KENYA, HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY DEPARTMENTS FOR APPROVAL. PROPOSED ITINERARY WOULD HAVE THEM IN NAIROBI FOR A 2-3 DAY PERIOD MID-SEPTEMBER. THE STATED PURPOSE OF THEIR TRIP IS TO PROVIDE ON-THE-SCENE ASSESSMENTS OF CURRENT SITUATIONS IN ORDER TO ENHANCE PLANNING AND PRODUCTION ESTIMATES ON THE AREA. DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE WITH EMBASSY PERSONNEL ONLY.
2. BEFORE APPROVING THE KENYAN PORTION OF THEIR TRIP DEPARTMENTS WOULD LIKE TO SOLICIT YOUR VIEWS OR CONCURRENCE ON THEIR REQUEST TO VISIT KENYA. KISSINGER

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